FEMA Awards Over \$1 Million to Tufts Medical Center for COVID-19 Administrative Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse Tufts Medical Center for some of the administrative costs incurred responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The teaching hospital in Boston affiliated with Tufts University School of Medicine will receive a total of \$1,057,524 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse the cost of administering other grants FEMA provided to the hospital for such expenses as testing, hiring temporary staff, and purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE).

The administrative costs are calculated as a percentage of the total amount of grants provided.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Tufts Medical Center with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.7 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

